

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

1-12 (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A memory card reader comprising:

a housing defining a slot shaped and dimensioned to receive a first memory card therein, and a memory card storage mechanism to store at least one second memory card therein, the storage mechanism is defined by a second slot shaped and dimensioned to receive the second memory card therein, the storage mechanism comprises a card ejector mechanism to facilitate removal of the second memory card from the second slot; and

an electronic component to read the first memory card.

14. (Previously Presented) The memory card reader of claim 13, wherein the storage mechanism is defined by a recess formed in the housing, the recess being shaped and dimensioned to receive the second memory card therein.

15. (Previously Presented) The memory card reader of claim 13, wherein a part of the housing adjacent the recess is cut-away to define a gap into which a finger can be inserted to facilitate removal of the second memory card from the recess.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) The memory card reader of claim 16 13, wherein the storage mechanism further comprises a memory card retaining mechanism to retain the second memory card in the slot therefor.

19. (Previously Presented) The memory card reader of claim 13, wherein the memory card storage mechanism stores at least two second memory cards.

20. (Currently Amended) A housing for a memory card reader, the housing comprising:

a first slot shaped and dimensioned to receive a first memory card therein while said memory card is being read by an electronic component; and

at least one storage mechanism shaped and dimensioned to store at least one second memory card therein, the storage mechanism is defined by a second slot shaped and dimensioned to receive the second memory card therein, the storage mechanism further comprises a card ejector mechanism to facilitate removal of the second memory card from the second slot.

21. (Previously Presented) The housing of claim 20, wherein the storage mechanism is defined by a recess formed in the housing, the recess being shaped and dimensioned to receive the second memory card therein.

22. (Previously Presented) The housing of claim 20, wherein a part of the housing adjacent the recess is cut-away to define a gap within which at least a portion of a finger can be inserted to facilitate removal of the second memory card from the recess.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) The housing of claim ~~23~~ 20, wherein the storage mechanism further comprises a memory card retaining mechanism to retain the second memory card in the second slot.

26. (Previously Presented) The housing of claim 20, wherein the memory card storage mechanism stores at least two second memory cards.

27. (New) A memory card reader comprising:

a housing defining a slot shaped and dimensioned to receive a first memory card therein, and a memory card storage mechanism to store at least one second memory card therein; and

an electronic component to read the first memory card, wherein the first part of the housing is cut-away to define a gap into which a finger can be inserted to facilitate removal of the second memory card.

CONCLUSION

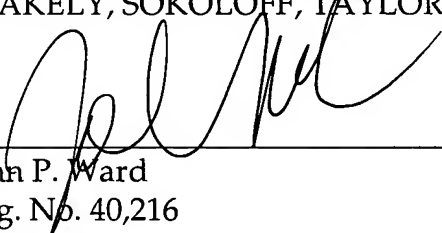
Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call John Ward at (408) 720-8300, x237.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

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